

Food for Thought
Starting Points for Discussion at the Consolidated Planning Forum
Columbia, Missouri
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1. Strategic Plan, Annual Action, Plan and CAPER: Are they effective planning tools for program implementation? What are their strengths? Weaknesses?
2. Streamlining the process: Tables vs. narratives...which are more effective for grantees, citizens, and HUD staff?
3. Coordination with other plans and partners: Thoughts from those who help to write the plan, implement the plan, receive the funds, evaluate the process, as well as the citizen participation process.
4. Access to data to be used in the plan.
5. Housing and homeless needs analysis.
6. Housing market analysis.
7. Community Development analysis.
8. Economic Development analysis/anti-poverty strategy/relationship to EZ/EC initiative and planning process.
9. Section 3.
10. The relationship to the Public Housing Authority and the issue of "troubled" PHAs.
11. The relationship of the Consolidated Plan to the Continuum of Care initiative.
12. Does the current process allow for linkages from needs to objectives to actions? How hard is it to illustrate why a particular strategy is being pursued?
13. How can the process result in more measurable results during the action phase?
14. How useful has Community 2020 been as an analytical tool for preparing the Consolidated Plan, from both the mapping and the plan submission angles?
15. The relationship of C2020 and IDIS.
16. IDIS.
17. Certifications.
18. The Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing.
19. Public notices and public hearings on the Consolidated Plan.
20. Other topics will be discussed as attendees determine.